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Top 10 Federal Life Safety Code Deficiencies Cited for Nursing Homes During FY 2013 (10/01/2012 - 09/30/2013)

FED - K201 & K202 -K-LSC 2000 Health Existing & Health New

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0029 - 2000 EXISTING - One hour fire rated construction (with 3/4 hour fire-rated doors) or an approved automatic fire extinguishing system in accordance with 8.4.1 and/or 19.3.5.4 protects hazardous areas. When the approved automatic fire extinguishing system option is used, the areas shall be separated from other spaces by smoke resisting partitions and doors. Doors shall be self-closing and non-rated or field-applied protective plates that do not exceed 48 inches from the bottom of the door are permitted. 19.3.2.1 - 2000 NEW - Hazardous areas are protected in accordance with 8.4. The areas are enclosed with a one hour fire-rated barrier, with a 3/4 hour fire-rated door, without windows (in accordance with 8.4). Doors are self-closing or automatic closing in accordance with 7.2.1.8. 18.3.2.1	63
0147 - 2000 EXISTING - Electrical wiring and equipment shall be in accordance with NFAP 70, National Electric Code 9.1.2 - 2000 NEW - Electrical wiring and equipment is in accordance with NFPA 70, National Electrical Code. 9.1.2	50
0056 - 2000 EXISTING - Where required by section 19.1.6, Health care facilities shall be protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with section 9.7. Required sprinkler systems are equipped with water flow and tamper switches which are electrically interconnected to the building fire alarm. 19.3.5, NPFA 13 - 2000 NEW - There is an automatic sprinkler system, installed in accordance with NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, with approved components, devices, and equipment, to provide complete coverage of all portions of the facility. The system is maintained in accordance with NFPA 25, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems. There is a reliable, adequate water supply for the system. The system is equipped with waterflow and tamper switches which are connected to the fire alarm system. 18.3.5.	48
0062 - 2000 EXISTING - Automatic sprinkler systems are continuously maintained in reliable operating condition and are inspected and tested periodically. 18.7.6, 19.7.6, 4.6.12, NFPA 13, NFPA 25, 9.7.5 - 2000 NEW - Required automatic sprinkler systems are continuously maintained in reliable operating condition and are inspected and tested periodically. 18.7.6, 4.6.12, NFPA 13, NFPA 25, 9.7.5	47
0025 - 2000 EXISTING - Smoke barriers shall be constructed to provide at least a one half hour fire resistance rating and constructed in accordance with 8.3. Smoke barriers shall be permitted to terminate at an atrium wall. Windows shall be protected by fire-rated glazing or by wired glass panels and steel frames. A minimum of two separate compartments shall be provided on each floor. Dampers shall not be required in duct penetrations of smoke barriers in fully ducted heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems. 19.3.7.3, 19.3.7.5, 19.1.6.3, 19.1.6.4 - 2000 NEW - Smoke barriers are constructed to provide at least a one-hour fire resistance rating in accordance with 8.3. Smoke barriers may terminate at an atrium wall. Windows are protected by fire-rated glazing or by wired glass panels in approved frames. A minimum of two separate compartments are provided on each floor. Dampers are not required in duct penetrations of smoke barriers in fully ducted heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems. 18.3.7.3, 18.3.7.5, 18.1.6.3	39

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0144 - 2000 EXISTING - Generators are inspected weekly and exercised under load for 30 minutes per month in accordance with NFPA 99. 3.4.4.1. - 2000 NEW - Generators are inspected weekly and exercised under load for 30 minutes per month in accordance with NFPA 99. 3.4.4.1.	36
0050 - 2000 EXISTING - Fire drills are held at unexpected times under varying conditions, at least quarterly on each shift. The staff is familiar with procedures and is aware that drills are part of established routine. Responsibility for planning and conducting drills is assigned only to competent persons who are qualified to exercise leadership. Where drills are conducted between 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM a coded announcement may be used instead of audible alarms. 18.7.1.2, 19.7.1.2 - 2000 NEW - Fire drills are held at unexpected times under varying conditions, at least quarterly on each shift. The staff is familiar with procedures and is aware that drills are part of established routine. Responsibility for planning and conducting drills is assigned only to competent persons who are qualified to exercise leadership. Where drills are conducted between 9 PM and 6 AM a coded announcement may be used instead of audible alarms. 18.7.1.2	34
0018 - 2000 EXISTING - Doors protecting corridor openings in other than required enclosures of vertical openings, exits, or hazardous areas shall be substantial doors, such as those constructed of 13/4 inch solid-bonded core wood or capable of resisting fire for at least 20 minutes. Doors in fully sprinklered smoke compartments are only required to resist the passage of smoke. There is no impediment to the closing of the doors. Doors shall be provided with a means suitable for keeping the door closed. Dutch doors meeting 19.3.6.3.6 are permitted. 19.3.6.3 Roller latches are prohibited by CMS regulations in all health care facilities. - 2000 NEW - Doors protecting corridor openings shall be constructed to resist the passage of smoke. Doors shall be provided with positive latching hardware. Dutch doors meeting 18.3.6.3.6 are permitted. Roller latches shall be prohibited. 18.3.6.3	32
0038 - 2000 EXISTING - Exit access is so arranged that exits are readily accessible at all times in accordance with 7.1. 18.2.1, 19.2.1 - 2000 NEW - Exit access is arranged so that exits are readily accessible at all times in accordance with section 7.1. 18.2.1	31
0045 - 2000 EXISTING - Illumination of means of egress, including exit discharge, is arranged so that failure of any single lighting fixture (bulb) will not leave the area in darkness. (This does not refer to emergency lighting in accordance with section 7.8.) 19.2.8 - 2000 NEW - Illumination of means of egress, including exit discharge, is arranged so that failure of any single lighting fixture (bulb) will not leave the area in darkness. (This does not refer to emergency lighting in accordance with section 7.8.) 18.2.8	30